

## Claims

1. A method comprising:  
receiving a search term for a query;  
searching a network of concept terms for terms related to the search term;  
reformulating the query using the search term and the related terms;  
searching a local database for data terms that match the search term and the related terms, wherein the data terms are from documents residing on websites located on servers across a network; and  
retrieving the documents from the websites whose data terms match the search term and the related terms.
2. The method of claim 1, further comprising displaying the retrieved documents, the search terms and the related terms.
3. The method of claim 1, further comprising generating a summary of the documents for the searched terms that match the search term and the related terms.
4. The method of claim 3, wherein the summary includes the searched terms and a beginning portion of the documents.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein the network is the Internet.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein the network of concept terms

includes links between related terms, wherein the links are based on semantic relationships.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein the semantic relationships are selected from a group consisting of canonical, synonym, hyponym, hypernym, part, product and member.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein related terms are more specific than the search term.

9. The method of claim 1, wherein different emphasis is placed on the related terms.

10. A method comprising:

recursively performing the following process until desired documents are found:

receiving a search term for a query;

searching a network of concept terms for terms related to the initial search term;

reformulating the query using the initial search term and the related terms;

searching a local database for data terms that match the initial search term and the related terms, wherein the data terms are from documents residing on websites located on servers across a network;

displaying results of the searching of the local database; and

displaying the search term and the related terms.

11. The method of claim 10, wherein receiving the search term for the query includes receiving the search term for the query based on the displaying of the search term and the related items in a prior process.
12. The method of claim 10, wherein the new search term is a related term from a prior search of the network of concept terms.
13. The method of claim 10, wherein reformulating the new query includes combining the new search term and the new related terms together using search operators.
14. The method of claim 13, wherein the search operators are selected from the group consisting of AND, OR, NOT and NEAR.
15. A method comprising:
  - receiving an initial search term for a query;
  - searching a network of concept terms for terms related to the initial search term;
  - reformulating the query using the initial search term and the related terms;
  - searching a local database for data terms that match the initial search term and the related terms, wherein the data terms are from documents residing on websites located on servers across a network;
  - displaying results of the searching of the local database;
  - displaying the search term and the related terms;

recursively performing the following until desired documents are found:

receiving a new search term for a new query based on the display of the results, the search term and the related terms;

searching the network of concept terms for new terms related to the new search term;

reformulating the new query using the new search term and the new related terms;

searching the local database for data terms that match the new search term and the new related terms, wherein the data terms are from documents residing on websites residing on servers across the network;

displaying results of the searching of the local database; and

displaying the new search term and the new related terms.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein the new search term is a related term from a prior search of the network of concept terms.

17. The method of claim 15, wherein reformulating the new query includes combining the new search term and the new related terms together using search operators.

18. The method of claim 17, wherein the search operators are selected from the group consisting of AND, OR, NOT and NEAR.

19. An apparatus comprising:

a database that includes data terms, wherein the data terms are from

documents residing on websites located on servers across a network;

a concept network that includes search terms and related terms that are linked together based on semantic relationships, the search terms and the related terms to locate portions of the documents based on a match between the searchable terms and the related terms and the data terms stored in the database.

20. The apparatus of claim 19, wherein the semantic relationships are selected from a group consisting of canonical, synonym, hyponym, hypernym, part, product and member.

21. The apparatus of claim 19, wherein the related terms are more specific than the search terms.

22. A machine-readable medium that provides instructions, which when executed by a machine, cause said machine to perform operations comprising:

receiving a search term for a query;

searching a network of concept terms for terms related to the search term;

reformulating the query using the search term and the related terms;

searching a local database for data terms that match the search term and the related terms, wherein the data terms are from documents residing on websites located on servers across a network; and

retrieving the documents from the websites whose data terms match the search term and the related terms.

23. The machine-readable medium of claim 22, further comprising displaying the retrieved documents, the search terms and the related terms.

24. The machine-readable medium of claim 22, further comprising generating a summary of the documents for the searched terms that match the search term and the related terms.

25. The machine-readable medium of claim 22, wherein the network of concept terms includes links between related terms, wherein the links are based on semantic relationships.

26. The machine-readable medium of claim 22, wherein the semantic relationships are selected from a group consisting of canonical, synonym, hyponym, hypernym, part, product and member.

27. A machine-readable medium that provides instructions, which when executed by a machine, cause said machine to perform operations comprising:

recursively performing the following process until desired documents are found:

receiving a search term for a query;

searching a network of concept terms for terms related to the initial search term;

reformulating the query using the initial search term and the related terms;

searching a local database for data terms that match the initial search term and the related terms, wherein the data terms are from documents residing on websites located on servers across a network;

displaying results of the searching of the local database; and displaying the search term and the related terms.

28. The machine-readable medium of claim 27, wherein receiving the search term for the query includes receiving the search term for the query based on the displaying of the search term and the related items in a prior process.

29. The machine-readable medium of claim 27, wherein the new search term is a related term from a prior search of the network of concept terms.

30. The machine-readable medium of claim 27, wherein reformulating the new query includes combining the new search term and the new related terms together using search operators.